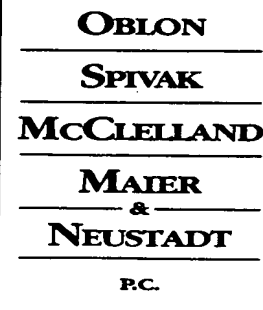


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Applicants: Yusuke AMINO, et al.
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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING ASPARTAME
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Examiner: Zucker, P.A.
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Copy of Date-stamped Filing Receipt dated September 8, 2003
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Respectfully submitted,

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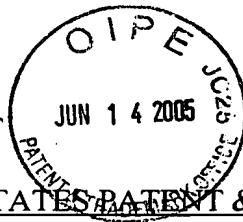
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Petitioners respectfully request the Office to invoke the supervising authority of the Commissioner and consider Petitioners' Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.312, concurrently filed herewith, and also indicate that Fukuda et al listed on the Information Disclosure Statement Filed on September 8, 2003, and the references cited on the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 15, 2003, have been considered. Petitioners respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of same by providing Applicants with an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 enclosed herewith listing these references. Petitioners submit herewith a copy of the Information Disclosure Statements as filed on September 8, 2003, and December 15, 2003, along a copy of the corresponding date-stamped filing receipts evidencing the timely filing thereof.

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For the reasons given above, this petition should be GRANTED.

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